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Sir:

It has recently come to the attention of the Applicants that the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on the day the application was filed, which bears an incorrect publication number for a Japanese published patent application cited in the Information Disclosure Statement. Specifically, published Japanese Patent Application No. 61-271669 was inadvertently cited as No. 61-271668. As a result, the patent was printed with the incorrect publication number on the face.

The Applicants note that the Examiner initialed the Form PTO-1449 bearing the incorrect publication number, indicating consideration of the document. Additionally, the Applicants note that the Information Disclosure Statement was submitted to cite all documents (including the subject Japanese publication) that were cited during prosecution of the prior

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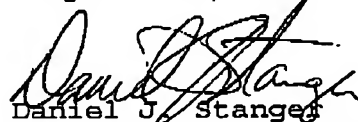
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application in a change of applications claiming benefits under 35 U.S.C. §120. Therefore, the Applicants had no duty to re-submit the Japanese publication, or to provide an Information Disclosure Statement citing it. Nevertheless, the error in citing the incorrect publication number was inadvertent and typographical in nature, and is not believed to have mislead the Examiner in considering the correct document. Certainly, there was no intent to misled the Examiner.

A Form PTO-1449 bearing the correct publication number is attached. A copy of the publication itself has been submitted in a previous application and should be present in the Examiner's file. The Applicants request the Examiner to initial and return a copy of the Form as an indication that the correct publication has been considered and that all requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97-98 have been satisfied.

The Applicants' representative regrets the error.

Respectfully submitted,



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